GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:443
ANSWERED ON:18.04.2001
INDIANS LANGUISHING IN FOREIGN JAILS
RAM PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Indian soldiers and citizens are languishing in foreign jails since long;

(b) if so, number thereof, country-wise;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to get them released; and

(d) the number of Indian soldiers and citizens released from foreign jails during the last five years as a result of efforts made by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in Parts (a) to (d) of the answer to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 443 regarding `Indians Languishing in Foreign Jails` To be answered on 18.04.2001 According to Government`s information, at present, there are 54 Indian soldiers and 6472 other Indian citizens imprisoned in various foreign countries. A country-wise break-up of these imprisoned Indian nationals is annexed. As soon as an Indian diplomatic Mission/Post is informed of the arrest of an Indian national, a request is made to the host Government for seeking consular access. An official of the Mission/Post visits the detainee to ascertain the circumstances leading to the arrest. Where necessary, the Mission/Post takes up the matter with the host Government for speedy and fair trial and also for review of the sentence. The prisoners are normally released on completion of their sentences. In deserving cases, our Missions/Posts approach the local authorities for remission of sentences.

Information regarding the number of Indian soldiers and citizens released from foreign jails during the last five years is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.
Annexure

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Indian Nationals in Foreign Jails

Indian nationals currently in foreign jails

Country	Soldiers	Civilians
Australia	Nil	02
Austria	Nil	62
Azerbaijan	Nil	02
Bahrain	Nil	131
Bangladesh	Nil	620
Belarus	Nil	02
Bhutan	Nil	30
Brunei	Nil	03
Canada	Nil	03
China	Nil	01
Hong Kong (China)	Nil	25
Czech.Rep.	Nil	02
Denmark	Nil	02
Egypt	Nil	12
Georgia	Nil	01

Germany	Nil	224	
Greece	Nil	97	
Indonesia	Nil	02	
Iran	Nil	10	
Iraq	Nil	1	
Israel	Nil	03	
Italy	Nil	06	
Japan	Nil	05	
Jordan	Nil	1	
Kazakhstan	Nil	03	
Rep. of Korea	Nil	04	
Kuwait	Nil	107	
Lebanon	Nil	03	
Libya	Nil	03	
Malaysia	Nil	1000 (in detention Camps)	
Maldives	Nil	15	
Mauritius	Nil	45	
Mexico	Nil	13	
Myanmar	Nil	21	
Nepal	Nil	207	
New Zealand	Nil	02	
Sultanate of Oman	Nil	14	
Pakistan	54	1121	
Panama	Nil	02	
Philippines	Nil	03	
Qatar	Nil	56	
Romania	Nil	01	
Russian Federation	Nil	12	
Saudi Arabia	Nil	1677	
Seychelles	Nil	01	
Singapore	Nil	350	
Spain	Nil	02	
Sri Lanka	Nil	36	
Syrian Arab Rep.	Nil	18	
Thailand	Nil	24	
Ukraine	Nil	02	
United Arab Emirates	Nil	120	
United States of America	Nil	358	
Uzbekistan	Nil	01	
Vietnam	Nil	01	
Rep. of Yemen	Nil	02	
Zimbabwe	Nil	01	
Total:	54	6,472	